

Amendments to the Specification

5 On page 1, line 1, please insert the following title:

 --METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRE-PROCESSING IN A COMMON-
FORMAT CONTROL PROCESSING INPUT SIGNALS OF, OR OUTPUT
SIGNALS FOR, INTERFACES OF DIFFERENT TYPE--

10 On page 1, line 3, please insert the following paragraph:

 --This application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §365 of European patent
application numbered 03090038.5 filed February 12, 2003.--